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1. The airfield on the southern perimeter of MINSK (27°34'E/53°54'N) covered a 10,000x6,600-foot area and had an 8,500x200-foot runway. The runway, the approach roads, and the aircraft dispersal area had a 5-inch asphalt layer.

2. The following buildings were available at the field (see Annex):

   a. A three-story flight control station with offices and a radio station, built in 1947.

   b. A hangar, allegedly dismantled in TEMPELHOF, the skeleton of which was erected by July 1948.

   c. Four large dwelling blocks serving as quarters.

   d. A cantonment serving as workers quarters.

3. There was a fuel dump of 15 aboveground fuel tanks the size of railroad tank cars. A new fuel dump was under construction on the eastern border of the field and was to have 50 aboveground tanks and 20 dug-in tanks.

4. A settlement which was to be comprised of 100 one-family houses, 15 of which had already been constructed, was planned near the field.

5. The field had no boundary light facilities. Landing aircraft used their own landing lights.

6. Some twin-engine commercial aircraft and biplanes were stationed at the field.

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7. The 10,000x6,600-foot airfield was south of the MINSK freight station. A NW-SE runway, about 7,600x200 feet, was completed by the Summer of 1947.

8. The asphalt taxiways on the two ends of the runway were still under construction. They were to establish a connection between the aircraft dispersal area near the administration building and the hangar.

9. The following buildings were at the field:

a. Administration building

b. Two large blocks of barracks buildings

c. A former school serving as airport terminal. The construction of a new airport terminal was begun.

d. A hangar (steel structure), which had reportedly been dismantled near BERLIN and which was not completed in August 1948.

10. The field was occupied by 15 to 20 twin-engine commercial Douglas aircraft and 20 to 25 biplanes.

1 Annex: Airfield South of MINSK

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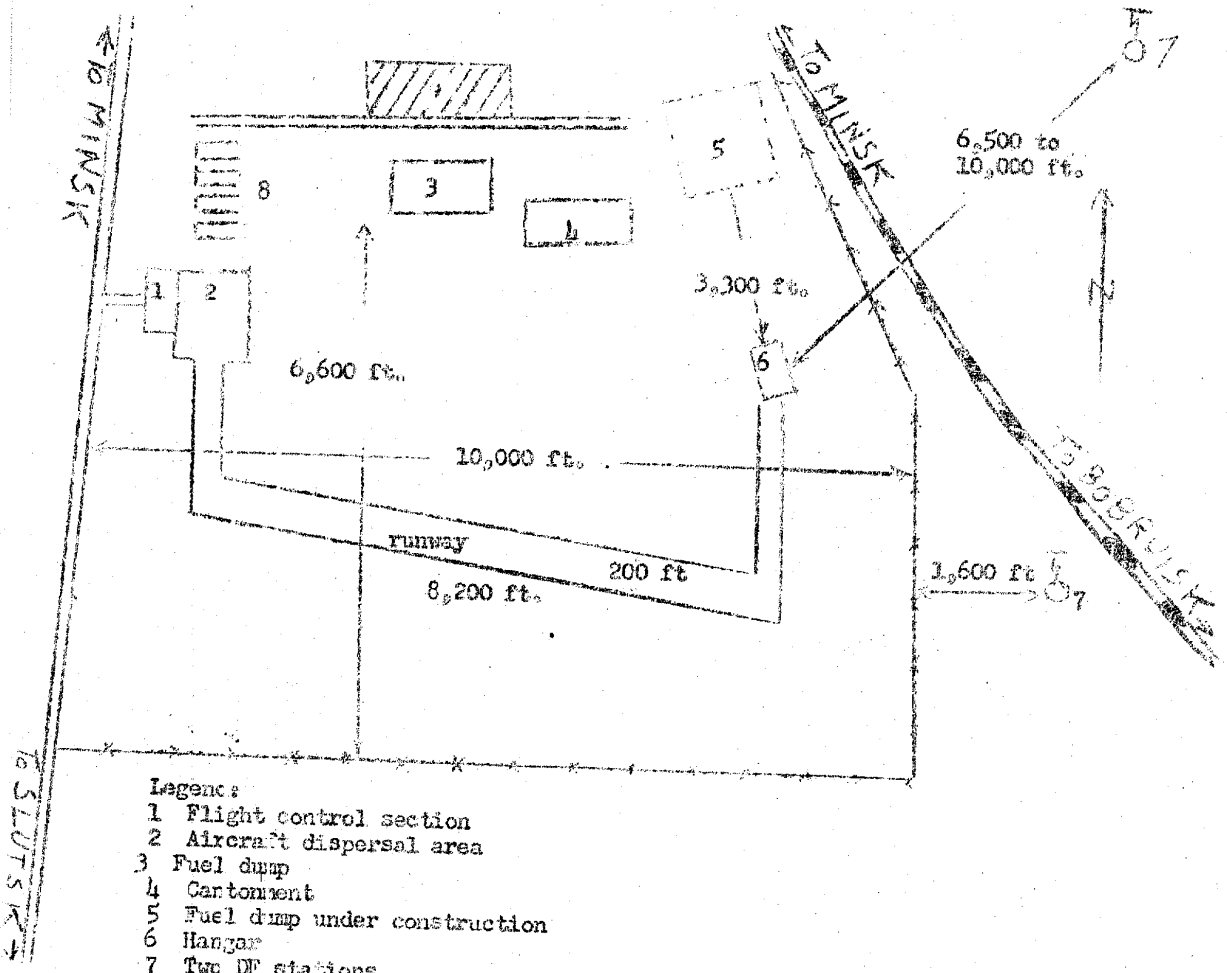
Airfield South of Minsk



Legend:

1 Flight control section
2 Aircraft dispersal area
3 Fuel dump
4 Cantonment
5 Fuel dump under construction
6 Hangar
7 Two DF stations
8 Dwelling blocks
9 Settlement

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